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SUBJECT: COMMON FUNDING OF FORWARD STORAGE SITES (FSS)
UNDER THE NATO COMMON INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

REF: USNATO 6103

1. REF STATES THAT CANADIAN POSITION IS VERY CLOSE TO
ORIGINAL US POSITION AND THERE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN
CONSIDERABLE MOVEMENT IN THE US POSITION.

2. THE US ORIGINALLY HAD THE SAME CONCERN AS CANADA
ABOUT NATIONAL LOGISTIC REQUIREMENTS BEING FINANCED
UNDER THIS PROGRAM, AND THUS DID NOT AGREE TO THE
PROGRAM IN THE EARLY STAGES WHEN THE SHAPE DEFINITION
WAS VERY LOOSE.

3. THE US FINALLY AGREED TO ACCEPT FSS AS AN ELIGIBLE
INFRASTRUCTURE CATEGORY, BECAUSE (1) WE WERE ISOLATED,
AND (2) SACEUR REFINED THE DEFINITION OF FSS TO INCLUDE
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SAFEGUARDS TO MINIMIZE THE USE OF NATO FUNDED FSS TO

MEET NATIONAL, RATHER THAN NATO REQUIREMENTS. THE CURRENT DEFINITION OF ELIGIBLE FSS SITES CONTAINED IN PARA 8 OF SHAPE LETTER 1240.07/18-2-S27/72 OF MARCH 24, 1972, SETS FORTH CONDITIONS WHICH HAVE TO BE MET BEFORE FSS IS ACCEPTED FOR COMMON FUNDING.

4. JCS GUIDANCE TO US REP MC, IN DEF 5030 OF JULY 2, 73, FURTHER SETS FORTH THE FOLLOWING POINTS BEFORE FSS IS ACCEPTED FOR COMMON FUNDING:

(A) DETAILS AND PRIORITIES OF EACH FSS WILL BE REVIEWED WHEN PROJECTS ARE SUBMITTED FOR INFRASTRUCTURE SLICES, IN ACCORDANCE WITH NORMAL PROCEDURES;

(B) THOSE SITES IN WHICH THE HOST NATION IS THE USER SHOULD BE REVIEWED AT TIME OF PROGRAMMING TO INSURE THAT EACH SITE WILL CORRECT CURRENT MALPOSITIONING OF SUPPLIES AND IS NOT A SUBSTITUTE FOR A NATIONAL REQUIREMENT;

(C) HOST NATIONS WILL CERTIFY THE AVAILABILITY OF NATIONAL FUNDS FOR LOCAL UTILITIES AT EACH SITE AT THE LINE OF AUTHORIZATION OF NATO FUNDS TO ASSURE A COMPLETE USABLE SITE.

5. SINCE THE US HAS AGREED TO ACCEPT FSS, SUBJECT TO SAFEGUARDS MENTIONED ABOVE, AT BOTH THE MC AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEES, IT WOULD BE AWKWARD FOR US TO NOW WITHDRAW OUR SUPPORT AT THE DPC.

6. WE RECOMMEND THAT THESE POINTS BE CONSIDERED WHEN THE CANADIANS PRESENT THEIR POSITION ON FSS AT THE DPC. IF OTHER NATIONS SUPPORT CANADA, YOU MAY ALSO DO THE SAME.

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